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SUBJECT: U.S. CUSTOMS CCINC SENIOR-LEVEL OBSERVATION  
PROGRAM FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL, MOROCCAN CUSTOMS,  
BENSALEM SMILI

1. DURING THE COURSE OF A DINNER (2-11-77) HOSTED BY  
DIRECTOR GENERAL SMILI AT WHICH THE AMBASSADOR, U.S.  
CONSUL GENERAL AT CASABLANCA AND DEA SAIC WERE IN-  
VITED, SMILI AND HIS ASSISTANT DIRECTORS EL TOUNI  
AND HOLIMI, EXPRESSED THEIR ABSOLUTE DELIGHT AND SATIS-  
FACTION WITH THEIR RECENT EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION VISIT  
TO THE U.S.

2. SMILI SAID THAT THE HOSPITALITY HE RECEIVED FROM  
U.S. CUSTOMS HAS GIVEN RISE TO A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN  
THE TWO AGENCIES WHICH WILL NOT SOON BE FORGOTTEN.  
HE LAUDED CUSTOMS FOR ITS TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES,  
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AND SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO THE TECS COMPUTER SYSTEM  
AND THE MECHANICAL NARCOTIC DETECTION DEVICES WHICH  
HE DESCRIBED AS STILL BEING IN "TESTING STAGES."

3. ON THE HUMAN SIDE SMILI AND HIS COLLEAGUES PRAISED  
THE DEDICATION AND MOTIVATION OF THE CUSTOMS OFFICERS  
AND DEA AGENTS WITH WHOM THEY HAD MET DURING THEIR

VISIT.

4. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A PROPOSED FUTURE VISIT TO MOROCCO BY A U.S. CUSTOMS REPRESENTATIVE IN ORDER TO REVIEW MOROCCAN CUSTOMS PROCEDURES, NO CONCRETE IDEAS FOR FUTURE PROGRAMS OR PROJECTS BETWEEN THE TWO AGENCIES WERE DISCUSSED.

5. SMILI EMPHASIZED THAT THE VISIT HAS SHOWN HIM EXACTLY HOW MUCH WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE WITHIN HIS OWN ORGANIZATION, AND THAT U.S. CUSTOMS HAS PROVIDED THE MODEL FROM WHICH HE AND HIS MANAGERS CAN WORK.

6. THE "EFFICIENT" BORDER CONTROL AT SAN YSIDRO, CALIFORNIA WAS DESCRIBED BY SMILI AS AN EXAMPLE OF BRILLIANT MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN WHAT HE WOULD HAVE INTERPRETED THROUGH HIS OWN OBSERVATION AS AN ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE CONTROL SITUATION. HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD THANK, BY LETTER, ALL THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD GONE TO CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO MAKE HIS VISIT AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE.

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